

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Slaughterhouse Trail Reroute

LOCATION: Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park - North Bloomfield/Graniteville and Relief Hill

COUNTY: Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Reroute the upper end of the multi-use Slaughterhouse Trail and re-design the user-created connecting route from the Trail to the campground at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park to provide appropriate grade, sight distance and turning radius for multiple uses. The new trail will have a tread width of 36" and corridor brushing clearances of 72" wide by 84" in height. All abandoned trail will be rehabilitated to reduce impacts and discourage use. Excavation will vary according to percent of side slope.

Due to topography and soil type the trail is not able to meet ADA-compliance guidelines for trails; however, the trail treads will be barrier-free; landings of less than 5% can be worked in at 200-foot intervals; and during trail construction, the route will be kept to a cross slope as near as possible to 5%. The trail will improve access to users with disabilities, but will not be recognized as an accessible section of trail.

If evidence of potentially significant historical/archaeological resources is discovered at any point during the project, work will be suspended until the find can be assessed by either the District or Service Center archaeologist.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that will not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (included as "trail construction or realignment" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4).

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